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Mr. Gary Cornell Chairman, Eastern Great Basin Coordinating Group Utah Department of Natural Resources Sovereign Lands and Forestry, Ste #3520 1594 West North Temple Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear Mr. Cornell:

For the past several years, Grand Teton National Park and the Bridger-Teton National Forest have been coordinating efforts to establish an interagency dispatch center for the local area. Effective this year, the Teton Interagency Dispatch Center will be operational, serving the needs of both the Park and Forest. The Center will be located in Moose, Wyoming, at the Headquarters area of Grand Teton National Park.

As you know, Grand Teton National Park has been dispatched through the Cody Interagency Dispatch Center, and the Rocky Mountain Area Coordination Center. The Bridger-Teton National Forest has been dispatched through the Eastern Great Basin Coordination Center. Now, as the Park and Forest are jointly operating from one dispatch facility, it is logical to be associated with only one coordination center.

Per the discussions that Grand Teton National Park Fire Management Officer, Len Dems and Bridger-Teton National Forest Fire Management Officer, Wade Burleson have had with the Eastern Great Basin Coordination Center Staff, we request that effective May 01, 1997, Grand Teton National Park and the Bridger-Teton National Forest, through the Teton Interagency Dispatch Center, be dispatched through the Eastern Great Basin Coordination Center.

Grand Teton National Park has valued the services provided by the Cody Interagency Dispatch Center, and the Rocky Mountain Coordination Center. Our expectations are to continue to actively participate with our Wyoming cooperators. We are confident that the Eastern Great Basin will provide the level of services that we have grown accustom to.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Grand Teton National Park, Fire Management Officer, Len Dems at (307) 739-3310.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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